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and Speech Disabilities, CC Docket No. 98-67 CC Docket 98-67, filed
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Dear Ms. Salas:

An incorrect heading for Section IV.C.4, page 13 of WorldCom's Comments in the above-captioned proceeding was filed. Please substitute the following page with the corrected heading, and a corrected Table of Contents.

The corrected pages have been sent to the attached service list.

Thank you

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reasonable and non-discriminatory.²⁹ If the Commission lacks the authority to require individual carriers to spend specific amounts for outreach, it also lacks such authority for carriers collectively.

3. The Commission may undertake a national TRS outreach effort with its own operating funds

The Communications Act makes clear that national consumer education regarding services under the Commission's jurisdiction shall be funded out of its annual operating budget.³⁰ The Commission may evaluate the additional budgetary outlays required for a national TRS outreach effort, and include that additional amount in the annual operating costs it submits to Congress. If approved, carriers with interstate revenue and their consumers would fund this outreach effort through their payment of regulatory fees.

WorldCom recommends the Commission adopt this funding mechanism for a national outreach effort. This is the only funding mechanism that leaves the Commission in control of the content, timing, coordination, and expenditure of national TRS outreach. Of course, the Commission should solicit comment regarding target audiences, targeted messages, etc., from persons with disabilities, relay administrators, and industry.

4. The Commission may encourage states to follow the Maryland example

Another way the Commission may achieve expanded TRS outreach would be to encourage states to follow the Maryland example. Section 225(f) authorizes states to establish TRS programs through a variety of mechanisms, including a competitively selected vendor.³¹ If

²⁹47 U.S.C. §201(b).

³⁰47 U.S.C. 159 (a)(1).

³¹47 U.S.C. §225(f)(2).

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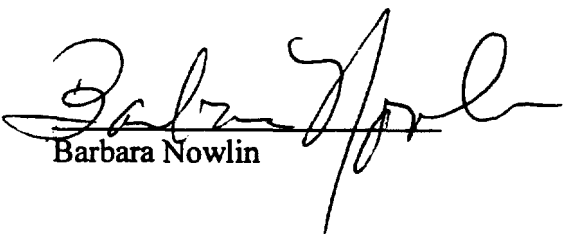
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